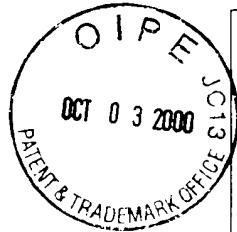


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 28, 2000, said period of response being extended from June 28, 2000 to September 28, 2000.

Our check in the amount of \$435.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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